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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC The Frank B. Davison Home

AND/OR COMMON The Davison Home

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 109 Third Avenue North

CITY, TOWN Texas City VICINITY OF 9 - Jack Brooks

STATE Texas CODE 048 COUNTY Galveston CODE 167

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME City of Texas City

STREET & NUMBER P. O. Box 2608

CITY, TOWN Texas City VICINITY OF STATE Texas 77590

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Galveston County Courthouse, County Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER 722 Moody

CITY, TOWN Galveston STATE Tx 77550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Texas Historical Sites Inventory

DATE 1968 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Texas Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN P. O. Box 12276, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas STATE Texas 78711

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Davison House located on Lots 5 through 8 inclusive, block 23, Texas City, First Division, Galveston County, Texas, is a three-story Victorian residence. This original site is bounded by First Street North and Third Avenue North, with 200' frontage on Third Avenue North, and 175' on First Street North. This late Gothic Revival structure is approximately 53' x 47' with the main entrance facing north toward Third Avenue North.

The north facade has a porch protecting the entrance hall and main parlor windows. Bay windows accentuate the dining room and upper bedroom on this exposure. An octagonal tower rising three stories on the northeast corner of the house is the dominate feature of the structure. On the east and south exposures, the house is enclosed with a porch serving both first and second floors.

The structure, constructed in 1897, has survived several disasters that have plagued the area and has remained virtually unchanged from the original construction. The disastrous 1900 storm blew the original slate shingles off the roof. This storm revealed that slate became lethal in hurricanes. They were first replaced with cedar shingles that were later covered with asphalt shingles. In 1947, the Texas City explosion destroyed a small porch adjacent to the kitchen which enclosed a back stairway leading to the second level. An exterior stairway was built to replace the one destroyed. These are the only major changes in the structure since the original construction with the exception of minor interior alterations mostly in the kitchen. The residence was continuously occupied by the Davison family until recently. All but one storage out building has been removed. Originally an outdoor toilet, barn and livestock pens were on the property.

The structure is an outstanding example of Victorian Gothic architecture popular at the time of construction. Both the exterior and interior of the house are elaborately decorated with wood "gingerbread" detailing, including the cornices, porch railings, columns, gables, dormers, stairways, etc. The basic exterior material is cypress clapboard siding which is accented with two bands of rounded and diamond shaped cypress shingles. Decorative cut shingles are also used in the gables. The upper floor windows are double hung 12 lite over single lite windows. The windows extend to the porch for ease of access to the porch area. The upper porch was used for sleeping by the family, being exposed to

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to the prevailing southeast wind. Insect screen was added to the upper porch sometime after 1900.

The condition of the house is fair, but rapidly deteriorating in the highly corrosive Gulf Coast climate. The Texas City Heritage Association is cooperating with the City of Texas City to restore the structure. After restoration is completed, the city will be responsible for the upkeep. A caretaker now occupies the house.

Being of such historical value, as well as the best example of Victorian architecture on the Galveston County Mainland, the intended use for the structure is for a museum and for community meetings.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Completed 1897

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1895, Frank B. (10/2/1854-2/35) and Florence (10/4/1862-8/41) Davison, with their four children and all their earthly possessions, arrived in Texas City where Frank was to be resident manager of the newly formed Texas City Improvement Company. Frank, a former Michigan wholesale grocer, had caught the vision of a group of Great Lakes shippers who envisioned a great port city at the mouth of Galveston Bay. The company had been formed to purchase land and sell lots in the area, and Shoal Point, the sleepy fishing village nestled at the base of a lighthouse, was renamed Texas City.

Soon after their arrival in Texas City the Davisons purchased a lot on the corner of Third Avenue and First Street North and began construction of a new home which, when completed, literally towered over other structures scattered across the face of the bare coastal prairie. Two years were required to build the stately mansion since cypress and other supplies had to be shipped from Louisiana. Although the original blueprints have been lost, and the architect's identity is not recorded, it is known that a Mr. Langno was the builder. The Davison family has papers to support these facts.

The roomy Victorian mansion quickly became a popular community and cultural center and remained so for half a century as the Davison's lives became more and more entwined into the life of the community.

Their numerous business ventures included a general store, that for a time, operated out of the family home where Texas City's first telephone, number one, was connected to a Galveston number from which supplies were ordered. Other Davison interests were real estate, a flour mill and a hotel--all "firsts" for the budding community. Their daughter Christine was also the first baby born in the city.

Both Frank and Florence were active in community affairs with Frank serving as the town's first postmaster, as one of the first city commissioners, as a director of the first bank and as a member of the first school board. Besides being a busy wife and mother to eight children, Florence helped establish the first church in Texas City, hosted the first meeting of the Texas City Garden Club and helped organize the Texas City

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Study Club, all of which are still active in the community.

From time to time parts of the home were rented, and throughout the years many prominent citizens slept their first nights in Texas City in on the breezy upstairs bedrooms of the Davison home. The home remained in the family until it was purchased two years ago by the Texas City Heritage Association and deeded to the City of Texas City. The Association has assumed the responsibility of paying off the mortgage, carrying on the restoration and operating the home for the enlightenment and benefit of all citizens.

The very fact that the home still stands there sturdy and proud, weakened somewhat and now dwarfed by the gleaming towers and glowing flares of the industrial skyline, is impressive in itself. Ever since that day in the late 1800's when the Texas City Improvement Company succumbed to bankruptcy and the Davisons calmly turned their hopes and faces in another direction, the story of Texas City has been one of faith and courage.

When the great hurricane of 1900 rolled across Galveston Island, killing thousands and leaving thousands more homeless, the Davisons and their neighbors huddled inside the sturdy walls to escape the storm's fury. Although the roof was lost that day, the home remained intact. The story was much the same in 1915 when another vicious storm almost wiped out the booming little town, completely destroying a division of the United States Army stationed here in addition to destroying homes, businesses, the docks, the railroads and the streetcar tracks.

Later, as refineries began to locate here and as workers streamed into the town, neat little homes, schools and parks began to spring up along wide, clean streets. Then on that infamous day in 1947 the Grand Camp, loaded with a cargo of nitrate fertilizer, limped into port to fight a fire in its hold. As fascinated sightseers flocked to the docks, a series of devastating explosions and fires set off a chain reaction of death and destruction that continued for days as the whole world heard of Texas City. Hearts were indeed heavy as citizens began

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burying over 500 dead, clearing the debris and starting anew. The Davison home, less than a mile from the holocaust, received serious damage, and repairs to the south side (back) slightly altered the original floorplan.

The town soon began to rebuild and began to burst at the seams as a new era of growth and prosperity developed. A decade or so later all those young families who had streamed into town were settled into comfortable routines in larger, newer homes as the city pushed northward. Then one autumn day in 1961 a vicious lady named Carla swirled out of the Gulf to cover the entire city with mud and slime and water marks everywhere from a few inches to several feet high. Soaked mattresses and carpets were laid out to dry in the sun, and piles of ruined appliances and rotting debris were stacked along the streets so tall cranes and a brigade of garbage trucks could help citizens dispose of years of time payments and coordinated furnishings. Miraculously though the storm left no deaths in Texas City so, with thankful hearts, citizens once again patiently repaired, repainted, and restructured their lives.

Meanwhile, the stately old Davison home has stood as mute testimony to the faith of the Davison family and all the other strong citizens who not only helped establish Texas City but have helped rebuild it on several occasions. The Texas City Heritage Association is planning to make the Davison Home a living memorial to all those people, past and present, who have helped to make Texas City the fine modern little city that it is today.

The home is the oldest and the most unusual of only a handful of historically significant structures still standing in the city. It is open on a regular basis for tours and displays by local artists. It is also available for meetings and parties and is visited regularly by local Scout troops and school classes. During the past two years the Association has hosted at the home a Sunday brunch which attracted several hundred people, an old-fashioned ice cream social on the spacious lawn, a performance by a group of Jamaican musicians and dancers who were brought to the area by the Galveston County Cultural Arts Council and a special program designating the home as the official Mainland Bicentennial headquarters. Activities at

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the home seem to be generating some neighborhood pride in the generally run-down condition of the now predominantly black neighborhood.

As restoration proceeds, the association plans to set aside at least one room for rotating industrial displays, which represent the backbone of our thriving community, and to establish another area as an archives for the city. Possibilities are limitless for using the home which was awarded an official Texas historical marker in 1967 by the Texas Historical Commission.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hamilton, Margie, Texas City Heritage Association Member, Personal Research Papers, compiled from personal interviews, letters and papers and photographs of Davison family, 1961-75.
 Holbrook, Mary Ann, "Footprints of Texas City History Found in Davison Home," The Forecaster (Carbide, Texas City, Tx), Vol. 34, pp. 3, 6, 9-11-74; Vol. 34, no. 38, pp 4-5, 9-18-74;

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.8 acre

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Joe R. Williams, Project Director
Mary Ann Holbrook, Texas City Heritage Association
 ORGANIZATION Texas Historical Commission DATE April 26, 1976
 STREET & NUMBER P. O. Box 12276 TELEPHONE (512) 475-3094
 CITY OR TOWN Austin STATE Texas 78711

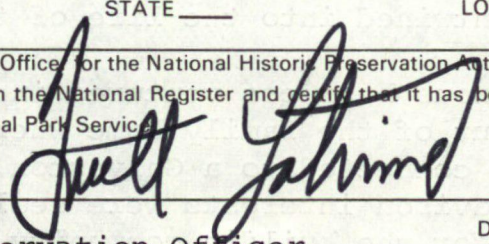
12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

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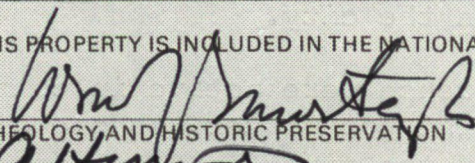
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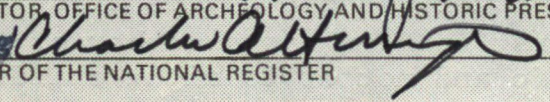
Acting



DATE 6/29/76

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATT Acting



DATE 6-23-76

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Vol. 34, No. 39, pp. 4-6, 9-25-74; Vol. 34, No. 40, p. 3,
10-2-74.

Porter, Vernon, Restoration Committee Chairman, Texas City
Heritage Association, taped interview with Mrs. Margaret
Davison Granger, May, 1975.

Property Davison, Frank B., House

State Texas Working Number 4.29.76.3240

Galveston
ref. # 76002033

TECHNICAL

Photos 4
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK pl
5.3.76

Fine.

HISTORIAN

Accept
Ruttenbaum
5/5/76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
Lebovich
5.5.76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
5-10-76

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Restoration projected
Humm
6-21-76

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 8-3-76 Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

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Galveston Co., Texas

Loc. South elevation

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STATE Texas

COUNTY Galveston

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DATE OF PHOTO January, 1976

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North elevation

PHOTO NO. 1 24



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Loc. East elevation

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East elevation

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Galveston Co. Texas

Loc. South elevation

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South elevation

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Galveston Co., Texas

Loc. West elevation

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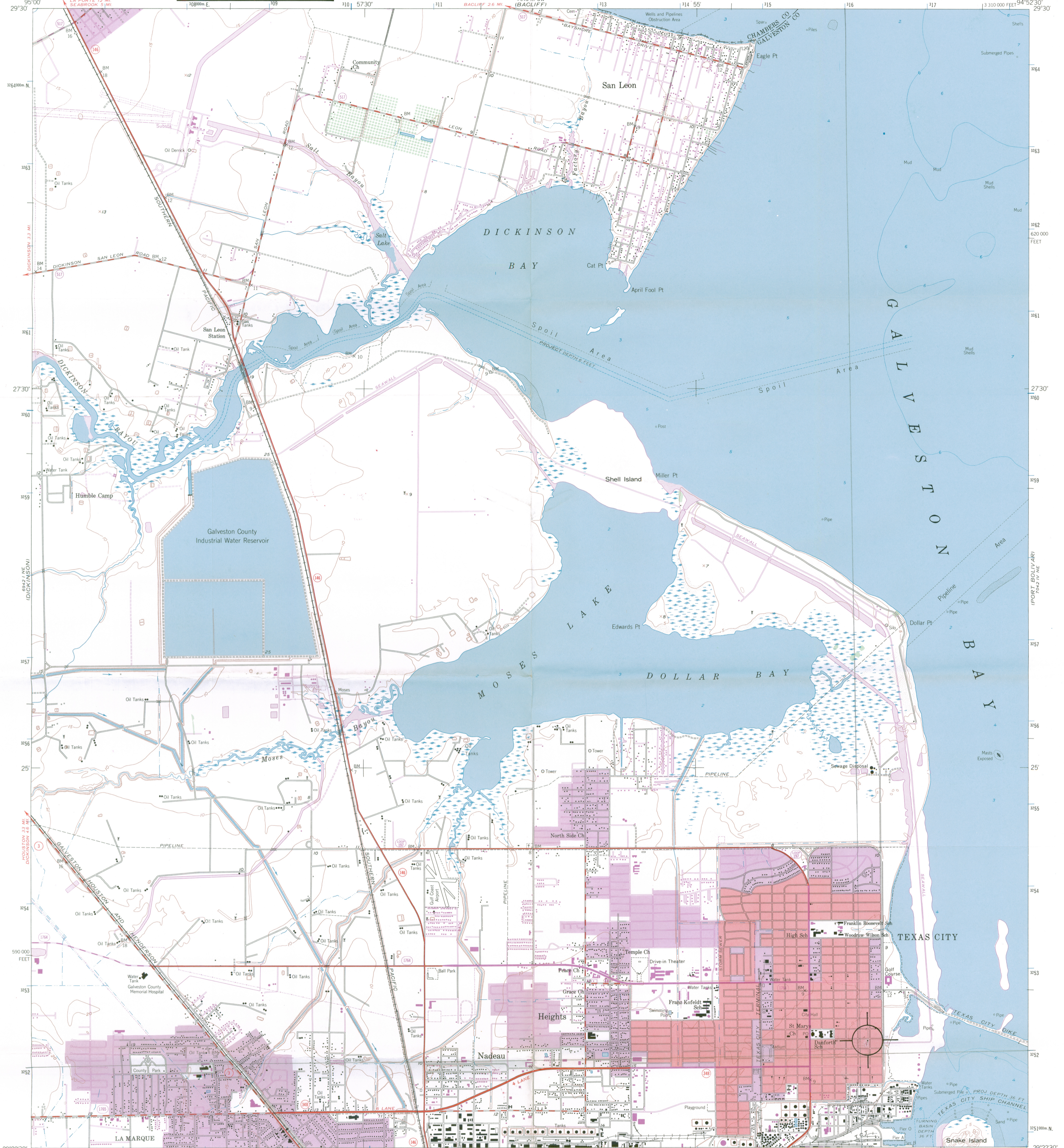
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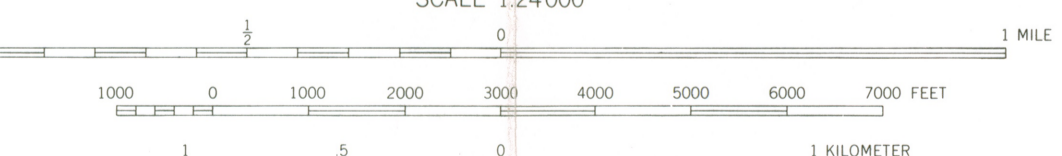
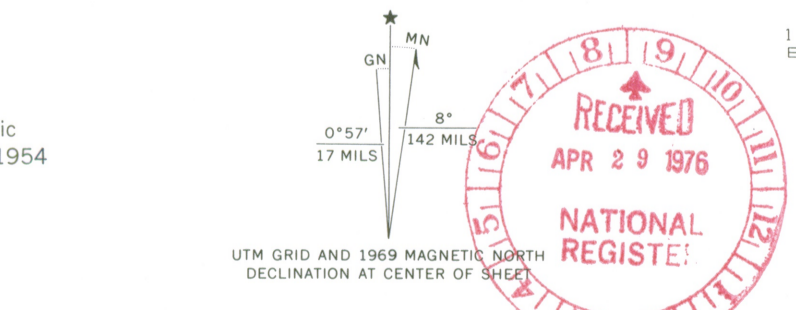
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West elevation

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landmark buildings are shown



CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET-DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 1 FOOT



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt - - - - -
State Route ○

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Kendall Inn	Boerne vicinity Kendall County
Fort Worth Stockyards Historic District	Fort Worth Tarrant County
Eckhardt Stores	Yorktown DeWitt County
Hoxey, Asa, House	Independence Washington County
Panola County Jail	Carthage Panola County
J. Thiele Building	Miles Runnels County
Draughn-Moore House	Texarkana Bowie County
Davidson, Frank B., House	Texas City Galveston County
Goliad County Courthouse Historic District	Goliad Goliad County

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State Historic Preservation Officer
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Regional Director, Southwest Region

7/7/76

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NR Data Sheet

DATE: 5-5-76
Reviewer INITIALS: LEBONICA

NR DOE

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NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: DAVISON, FRANK HOUSE B. 1

OTHER NAMES: DAVISON HOUSE see

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER 109 320 Ave. North

CITY/TOWN TEXAS CITY

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 9

STATE TEXAS 048

VICINITY OF

COUNTY Galveston code 167
Galveston

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

Municipal

ADMINISTRATOR (underline):

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST
SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR EXTERIOR ENVIRONS
- Substantially intact-1 Substantially intact-2 - Substantially intact-3
 unknown - 4 - unknown - 5 unknown - 6
- not applicable - 7 - not applicable - 8 - Not applicable - 9

- Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - EXCELLENT DETERIORATED UNALTERED ORIGINAL SITE
GOOD RUINS ALTERED MOVED
 FAIR UNEXPOSED Reconstructed Unknown
Unexcavated Excavated

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)
then- RESIDENTIAL

now- MOUSEUM

SIGNIFICANCE:

- ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
- ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
- AGRICULTURE
- ARCHITECTURE
- ART
- COMMERCE
- COMMUNICATIONS
- CONSERVATION
- ECONOMICS
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- EXPLORATION
- INDUSTRY
- INVENTION
- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- LAW/Gov't/politics
- LITERATURE
- MILITARY
- MUSIC
- PHILOSOPHY
- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT
- RELIGION
- SCIENCE
- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER (SPECIFY)
- entertainment
- health
- recreation
- settlement
- socio/cultural
- urban & commun planning

Claims

"first?" YES NO "oldest?" YES NO "only?" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: QUEEN ANNE

architect/n (builder):

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role

&

appropriate date)

personal FRANK DAVISON

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1897

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

.8

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

BRICK FOUNDATION, FRAME, horizontal siding, 2 1/2 stories, rectangular, hipped + gabled roofs, conical corner tower, scalloped siding, 3 sided bay, front 1 story porch, 2 story porch in rear, unusual woodworking on porch dormers

Frame, shingling (some imbricated), horizontal siding; 2 1/2 stories, irregular shape, hipped and gabled roof sections, front entrance with 1-story entrance porch, front corner octagonal tower, rear and side 2-story porch. Queen Anne. Home of Frank Davison, town's 1st postmaster, early commissioner, and school board member, and director of area's 1st bank. Museum.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

This house which is the oldest and the most unusual of only a handful of historically significant structures still standing in the city was built by Frank Davison who was first postmaster, one of first city commissioners, director of first bank and member of first school board and his wife helped establish first church in Texas City, the Garden Club and Study Club. The house consists of the variety of shapes and details, and massing typical of late 19th C architecture

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE		2. APPLICANT'S APPLICATION		3. STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER	
1. TYPE OF ACTION <input type="checkbox"/> PREAPPLICATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPLICATION <small>(Mark appropriate box)</small> <input type="checkbox"/> NOTIFICATION OF INTENT (Opt.) <input type="checkbox"/> REPORT OF FEDERAL ACTION		a. NUMBER		NUMBER 704 17031	
		b. DATE 1978 06 29		b. DATE Year month day 1977 05 03	
4. LEGAL APPLICANT/RECIPIENT		5. FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO. 74-6016195		6. PRO-GRAM (From Federal Catalog)	
a. Applicant Name : State Historic Preservation Office b. Organization Unit : Texas Historical Commission c. Street/P.O. Box : P.O. Box 12276 d. City : Austin e. County : Travis f. State : Texas g. ZIP Code: 78711 h. Contact Person (Name & telephone No.) : Truett Latimer (512) 475-3094		a. NUMBER 1 5 0 3 0 4 b. TITLE Historic Preservation			
7. TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT		8. TYPE OF APPLICANT/RECIPIENT		9. TYPE OF ASSISTANCE	
Frank B. Davison House-Development Project-Phase I Texas City, Galveston County, Texas This two-story frame Victorian house built in 1897 for a prominent businessman who helped develop Texas City. The objective of this project is to rewire all electrical systems and to install an air-conditioning and heating system.		A-State B-Interstate C-Substate D-District E-County F-City G-School District H-Community Action Agency I-Higher Educational Institution J-Indian Tribe K-Other (Specify):		A-Basic Grant B-Supplemental Grant C-Loan D-Insurance E-Other	
10. AREA OF PROJECT IMPACT (Names of cities, counties, States, etc.) Texas		11. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PERSONS BENEFITING 12,000,000		12. TYPE OF APPLICATION A-New B-Renewal C-Revision D-Continuation E-Augmentation Enter appropriate letter [A]	
13. PROPOSED FUNDING		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:		15. TYPE OF CHANGE (For 12c or 12e)	
a. FEDERAL \$ 7,500 .00 b. APPLICANT 8,300 .00 c. STATE .00 d. LOCAL .00 e. OTHER .00 f. TOTAL \$ 15,800 .00		a. APPLICANT statewide b. PROJECT 9 16. PROJECT START DATE Year month day 19 17. PROJECT DURATION 12 Months 18. ESTIMATED DATE TO BE SUBMITTED TO FEDERAL AGENCY Year month day 19		A-Increase Dollars B-Decrease Dollars C-Increase Duration D-Decrease Duration E-Cancellation F-Other (Specify): N/A Enter appropriate letter(s) [] [] []	
20. FEDERAL AGENCY TO RECEIVE REQUEST (Name, City, State, ZIP code) OAMP, HCRS, Washington, DC 20240		21. REMARKS ADDED <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
22. THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT		23. CERTIFYING REPRESENTATIVE		24. AGENCY NAME	
a. To the best of my knowledge and belief, data in this preapplication/application are true and correct, the document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant and the applicant will comply with the attached assurances if the assistance is approved.		b. If required by OMB Circular A-95 this application was submitted, pursuant to instructions therein, to appropriate clearinghouses and all responses are attached: <input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached (1) Governor's Office of Budget and Planning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (2) Houston-Galveston COG <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (3) <input type="checkbox"/>		Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation & Recreation	
25. APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE Truett Latimer, State Historic Preservation Officer		26. ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT Service		27. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE Grants Administration Div.	
28. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 ACTION		29. ADDRESS 18th and C Streets NW, Washington, D.C. 20240		30. FEDERAL GRANT IDENTIFICATION 48-8967	
31. ACTION TAKEN		32. FUNDING		33. ACTION DATE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. AWARDED <input type="checkbox"/> b. REJECTED <input type="checkbox"/> c. RETURNED FOR AMENDMENT <input type="checkbox"/> d. DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> e. WITHDRAWN		a. FEDERAL \$ 7,500 .00 b. APPLICANT 8,300 .00 c. STATE .00 d. LOCAL .00 e. OTHER .00 f. TOTAL \$ 15,800 .00		Year month day 19 78 8 25 35. CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Name and telephone number) Stephen D. Newman 202 523-5472	
34. STARTING DATE 19 78 8 1		35. ENDING DATE 19 79 8 31		36. REMARKS ADDED <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
37. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 OFFICIAL (Name and telephone no.) Same as #35		38. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 ACTION			
a. In taking above action, any comments received from clearinghouses were considered. If agency response is due under provisions of Part 1, OMB Circular A-95, it has been or is being made.					

SECTION I—APPLICANT/RECIPIENT DATA

SECTION II—CERTIFICATION

SECTION III—FEDERAL AGENCY ACTION

8/16/78